

City of Rochester Electrical Examining Board
Room 121-B, City Hall
30 Church Street
Rochester, New York 14614

ELECTRICIAN LICENSE APPLICATION

Summary of Instructions

To obtain an Electrician's License you must:

1. Fill out the application form attached and submit it with the required examination fee to the Building Permit Office, Room 121-B City Hall, 30 Church Street, Rochester, New York 14614. The fee is **\$60.00** for either the Master License or Single Phase License.
2. Submit proof that you meet the minimum experience requirements established for licensing. (See attached matrix of requirements). These requirements are also described below. Read carefully the instructions for references and documentation found later in this brief.
3. Pass a written examination based primarily on the National Electrical Code in force in New York State at the time of examination and pay the appropriate license fee.

Questions about types of licenses, when a license is required, qualifications for licensing, examinations, fees, penalties, etc. can be answered by contacting the Building Permit Office, Room 121-B, City Hall or by purchasing the Electrical Licensing Ordinance Chapter 49.

Minimum Experience Requirements

The Electrical Licensing Ordinance, Chapter 49, from the Code of the City of Rochester as amended April 14, 1992, requires that each applicant for a Single Phase License must have a minimum of 2 years (3,000 hours) of applicable experience and for the Master License 4 years (6,000 hours) of applicable experience. The Electrical Examining Board has interpreted these minimum applicable experience requirements for licensing:

For a Single Phase License

1. The two years of applicable experience required shall consist of at least 3,000 hours of such experience within the past five years.
2. At least 50% or 1,500 hours out of the total requirement of 3,000 hours of applicable experience must consist of work in the field as an apprentice/ electrician/electrical contractor installing and/or repairing electrical wiring, equipment, etc. covered by the National Electrical Code. Applicants, employed by someone other than a contractor in the business of installing and repairing electrical systems, must provide a written detailed explanation of their duties. This must include a minimum of five specific projects, that were approved and inspected by a recognized inspection agency. Details of the applicant's duties on these projects is also required.
3. The balance of not more than 1,500 out of the total of 3,000 hours may, at the Board's discretion, consist of either of the following types of experience or some combination of the two:
 - a. Successfully completed electrical course work in an accredited school, two-year or four-year college program or apprentice program as evidenced by diplomas or certificates, etc.
 - b. Electrical estimating, design or supervision of work covered by the National Electrical Code. This experience should be supported by notarized letters from the firms involved.

For a Master License

1. The applicable experience required shall consist of at least 6,000 hours of such experience within the past ten years.
2. At least 50% or 3,000 hours out of the total requirement of 6,000 hours of applicable experience must consist of work in the field as an apprentice/ electrician/contractor installing and/or repairing three phase electrical wiring, equipment, etc. covered by the National Electrical Code. Applicants employed by someone other than a contractor in the business of installing and repairing electrical systems, must provide a written detailed explanation of their duties. This must include a minimum of ten specific projects, that were approved and inspected by a recognized inspection agency.
3. The balance of not more than 3,000 hours out of the total 6,000 hours may, at the Board's discretion, consist of the following types of experience or some combination of the three:
 - a. Successfully completed electrical course work in an accredited school, two-year or four-year college program, or apprentice program as evidenced by diplomas, certificates, etc.
 - b. Electrical estimating, design, or supervision of work covered by the National Electrical Code. This experience should be supported by notarized letters from the firms involved.
 - c. Work in the field as an apprentice/electrician/contractor installing and/or repairing single phase electrical wiring, equipment, etc. covered by the National Electrical Code.

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Proof of Experience Instructions for Self-Employed Electricians

For applicants who gained all or part of their electrical experience while working as a self-employed electrician, your proof of experience must consist of **both of the following**:

1. A **minimum of five (four for single phase licensing)**, approved Electrical Certificates from an approved inspection agency for **each year** of experience required for the license you applied for. In other words, a minimum of eight certificates total for a Single Phase and a minimum of twenty certificates total for a Master License.
2. Three reference letters from people whom you have done electrical work for and who can vouch for your competence as an electrician. Three copies of the letter are attached.

The certificates must cover work which clearly indicates to the Board that you have done electrical work of the type that would be covered by the license you applied for. Those applying for a Master's license must provide eight certificates which clearly indicate three phase electrical work.

The certificates for work done outside the City of Rochester should be in your name.

Certificates not in the applicants' name must be accompanied by notarized supporting letters for each of the certificates from the owner, architect/engineer, licensed electrician or contractor on the job. For work done in the city, they should be in the name of the licensed electrician who supervised your work and applied for inspection of the job. They should be accompanied by a letter from the licensed electrician stating that you did the work covered by the inspection certificates.

The reference letters must be notarized.

IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO:

- a. Fill in the reference name, address, and your name and type of license applied for on the reference letters provided in this package.
- b. Have each reference answer the questions and then **sign, date and notarize** in the space provided.
- c. Make sure that the reference letters are returned to the Board.

Notes to Remember

No action will be taken on your application until the required number of approved inspection certificates and reference letters are returned to the Board.

If you wish to claim credit for classroom training hours toward the minimum experience requirements, you must furnish the Board with a diploma, certificate, or affidavit that describes the type and length of training. The Board may, at their discretion, allow partial credit for this training.

REFERENCE LETTER FOR SELF-EMPLOYED ELECTRICIANS

City of Rochester Electrical Examining Board

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Name of Reference: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Dear Reader:

The following person has applied to the Board for a _____Single Phase _____Master License for use in the City of Rochester.

NAME OF APPLICANT:_____

PROPERTY ADDRESS WHERE WORK WAS PERFORMED:

For the applicant who has gained all or part of their experience as a self-employed electrician, the Board requires that they submit letters of reference from people whom they have done electrical work for and who can vouch for their competence as an electrician as part of the proof that they meet the minimum experience requirements for licensing.

Please answer the following question. If you have any comments you care to add, please write them on the back of this letter and mail it to the Board at the above address.

Based on the work that the applicant did for you, do you feel that the applicant is qualified for the license they have applied for? _____**YES** _____**NO**

SIGNED_____

signature of reference

DATE_____

Subscribed and sworn before me on this _____ day of _____, 19_____.

Notary Public

(Please affix stamp)

Please note: No action will be taken on the Electrician's Application until the required number of approved inspection certificates and reference letters are returned to the Board by the reference.

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Proof of Experience Instructions for Employed Electricians (not self-employed)

For applicants who gained all or part of their electrical experience working for contractors, your proof of experience must consist of one letter of reference from each employer you worked for in the last two or four years depending on the license you are applying for.

IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO:

1. Fill in the employer's name, address, your name, and license applying for on the reference letters. Four copies are included in this package, make more if needed.
2. For each employer, have a supervisory-level person (foreman, superintendent, owner) answer the questions and then **sign, date and notarize** in the spaces provided.
3. Make sure that the reference letters are returned **by the employer** to the Board.

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It is the applicant's responsibility to furnish these letters of reference. No action will be taken on this application until the required number of reference letters are returned to the Board by the employer.

REFERENCE LETTER FOR EMPLOYED ELECTRICIANS

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NAME OF APPLICANT: _____

One of the conditions for licensing is that the applicant must submit proof that he/she meets the minimum experience requirements established by the Board for a Single Phase or a Master License. For the electrician who gained all or part of his/her experience while working as an electrician, the required proof must consist of a notarized letter of reference from a supervisory-level person (foreman, superintendent, or owner) in each firm which employed the applicant over the required period.

The Board requests each employer to answer the following questions about the applicant's work experience while he/she was employed by your firm. Please put any comments you care to add on the back of this letter and mail to the Electrical Examining Board at the above address.

1. The above applicant was employed by us as an electrician from:
(Month/Year) _____ to _____.
2. During that period of time, the applicant worked an average of _____ hours per week as an electrician. On average _____ hours per week were devoted to Single phase work and _____ hours per week were devoted to three-phase work
3. The applicant worked _____ weeks at _____ (number taken from #2 above) hours per week on Single phase work for a total of (weeks X hours) _____ hours of Single phase work
4. The applicant worked _____ weeks at _____ (number taken from #2 above) hours per week three-phase work for a total of (weeks X hours) _____ hours of three-phase work.
5. In your judgement, is the applicant qualified to do the work covered by the license applied for?
_____ YES _____ NO _____

Name and Supervisory Position

*Subscribed and sworn before me on this _____ day of _____, 19 _____.

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_____ **YES** _____ **NO** _____

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_____ YES _____ NO _____

Signature and Supervisory Position

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APPLICATION FORM FOR ELECTRICIAN'S LICENSE

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(Please Print)

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone (HOME) _____ (WORK) _____

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

I am applying for: _____ Single Phase License _____ Master License

Do you currently hold an electrical license? _____

Have you ever had an Electricians license denied, suspended or revoked? _____ If so, when _____

I am currently a: _____ Self-employed Electrician _____ Employed Electrician

High School _____ Year Completed _____

College _____ Year Completed _____

Correspondence

Night School _____ Year Completed _____

Business/Trade

Military/Other _____ Year Completed _____

Do you hold an electrician's license in another location? ____YES ____NO If so, where: _____

For applicants who are claiming that all or part of their required experience is from being employed as an electrician, list your employers for the past two years (for Single Phase) or four years (for Master) license starting with your most recent.

NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER	START DATE TO END DATE	HOURS PER WEEK

For applicants who are claiming that all or part of their required experience is from working as a self-employed electrician, list the name of three (3) people who have some knowledge of your ability as an electrician (customers, co-workers, etc.):

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

I hereby certify that the above statements and all attachments, made by me, which form this application, are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE** _____